

Hello Life Group Directors, Leaders and Missions Coordinators,

The "most wonderful time of the year" is quickly approaching, the packing and collection of Operation Christmas Child gift-filled shoeboxes. The OCC team at Cottonwood Creek Church is preparing for the collection of these shoeboxes from our church members as well as from many other churches in our area. Our church is once again a designated drop off location. The National Collection week for the shoeboxes this year is Nov. 15-22, though our church members can bring their boxes starting on The Gift Sunday, Nov. 14.

Our OCC team is asking for you to **strongly encourage** the members of your Life Group to pack as many shoeboxes as they can. The OCC shoeboxes are available at the Missions Wall counter in the church atrium.

The shoebox gift is a powerful tool for Evangelism and Discipleship. It makes an Eternal impact on the child, the family and the community. The shoeboxes are handed out by highly trained local church pastors in the community who verbally share the gospel with the children. Each child who receives a shoebox will also receive a gospel booklet in their own language. For every shoebox you donate, approximately 10 people will hear the gospel because the message will be shared over and over again.

I am attaching several resources that you can pass along to your Life Group to answer questions and encourage them to pack the OCC shoeboxes

Here is a link to some shoebox recipient stories:

[Operation Christmas Child](#)



And a link on How to pack a shoebox:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

Here is a link if you prefer to build a shoebox online. Please try please keep track of those in your Life Group who build a shoebox online.

[Build a Shoebox Online!](#)



Perhaps you want to Host a Packing Party. Here's a link with some suggestions: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/packing-parties/>

Please let us know if you have any questions. We want to make this year's collection bigger than ever so that many will come to a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you and many blessings to you and your Life Group,

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